

To calculate the probability that no triple among n random 32-bit integers sums to 0 in the three-sum problem, we need to consider several factors:

1. **Range of 32-bit Integers:** A 32-bit integer can range from -2^{31} to $2^{31} - 1$.
2. **Total Number of Possible Integers:** There are 2^{32} possible 32-bit integers.

Since $a^b + a^b = 2a^b$

We have $2^1 * 2^{31} = 2^{32}$

3. **Number of Possible Triples:** For n integers, the number of possible triples is $\binom{n}{3}$.
4. **Probability of a Specific Triple Summing to Zero:** Assuming the integers are uniformly distributed, the probability that any specific triple sums to zero is extremely small due to the large range of possible values.

To simplify the computation, let's denote:

- P as the probability that a specific triple of integers sums to zero.
- Q as the probability that a specific triple of integers does not sum to zero.

Calculation Steps:

1. Estimate P :

- Considering the uniform distribution and the large range of possible integers, the probability that any specific combination of three integers sums to zero can be approximated as $P \approx \frac{1}{2^{32}}$.

2. Probability Q :

- $Q = 1 - P$.

3. Probability That No Triple Sums to Zero:

- The number of ways to choose 3 integers from n is given by $\binom{n}{3} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{6}$.
- Assuming independence, the probability that none of these triples sums to zero is $Q^{\binom{n}{3}}$.

Formula:

$$\text{Probability that no triple sums to zero} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{32}}\right)^{\binom{n}{3}}$$

Given that $\frac{1}{2^{32}}$ is a very small number, we can use the approximation for large exponents:

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{32}}\right)^{\binom{n}{3}} \approx e^{-\frac{\binom{n}{3}}{2^{32}}}$$

Final Probability:

Probability that no triple sums to zero $\approx e^{-\frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{6 \cdot 2^{32}}}$

This provides a good approximation of the probability that no triple among n random 32-bit integers sums to zero.

To find the expected number of triples that sum to zero among n random 32-bit integers, we can use the linearity of expectation. Here's the step-by-step approach:

- 1. Range of 32-bit Integers:** A 32-bit integer ranges from -2^{31} to $2^{31} - 1$.
- 2. Number of Possible Triples:** The number of ways to choose 3 integers from n is

$$\binom{n}{3} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{6}.$$

Let X be the random variable representing the number of triples that sum to zero. We need to find $\mathbb{E}[X]$ (the expected value of X).

3. Indicator Random Variables:

- Define an indicator random variable X_{ijk} for each triple (i, j, k) , where $X_{ijk} = 1$ if the i -th, j -th, and k -th integers sum to zero, and $X_{ijk} = 0$ otherwise.
- The expected value of X_{ijk} is $\mathbb{E}[X_{ijk}] = P(X_{ijk} = 1)$.

4. Probability of a Specific Triple Summing to Zero:

- Assuming uniform distribution and independence, the probability that a specific triple of integers sums to zero can be approximated by $P(X_{ijk} = 1) \approx \frac{1}{2^{32}}$.

5. Expected Number of Such Triples:

- Using the linearity of expectation: $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i < j < k} X_{ijk}\right] = \sum_{i < j < k} \mathbb{E}[X_{ijk}]$

6. Summing Over All Triples:

- There are $\binom{n}{3} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{6}$ such triples.
- Therefore, the expected number of triples that sum to zero is:

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \binom{n}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{32}} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{6 \cdot 2^{32}}$$

Approximate Formula:

$$\mathbb{E}[X] \approx \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{6 \cdot 2^{32}}$$

This formula provides the expected number of triples that sum to zero as a function of n .

We can apply the scientific method to validate our hypothesis with the following program:

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public static void main(String[] args){
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int[] testSizes = {1000, 2000, 3000, 4000, 5000};
double[] counts = new double[testSizes.length];
int trials = 100;
for (int i = 0; i < testSizes.length; i++) {
    int n = testSizes[i];
    int count = 0;
    for (int t = 0; t < trials; t++) {
        int[] a = RandomTripleGenerator.generateRandomTriple((n));
        count += ThreeSum.count(a);
    }
    counts[i] = count / (double) trials;
}
visualizeResults(testSizes, counts);
}

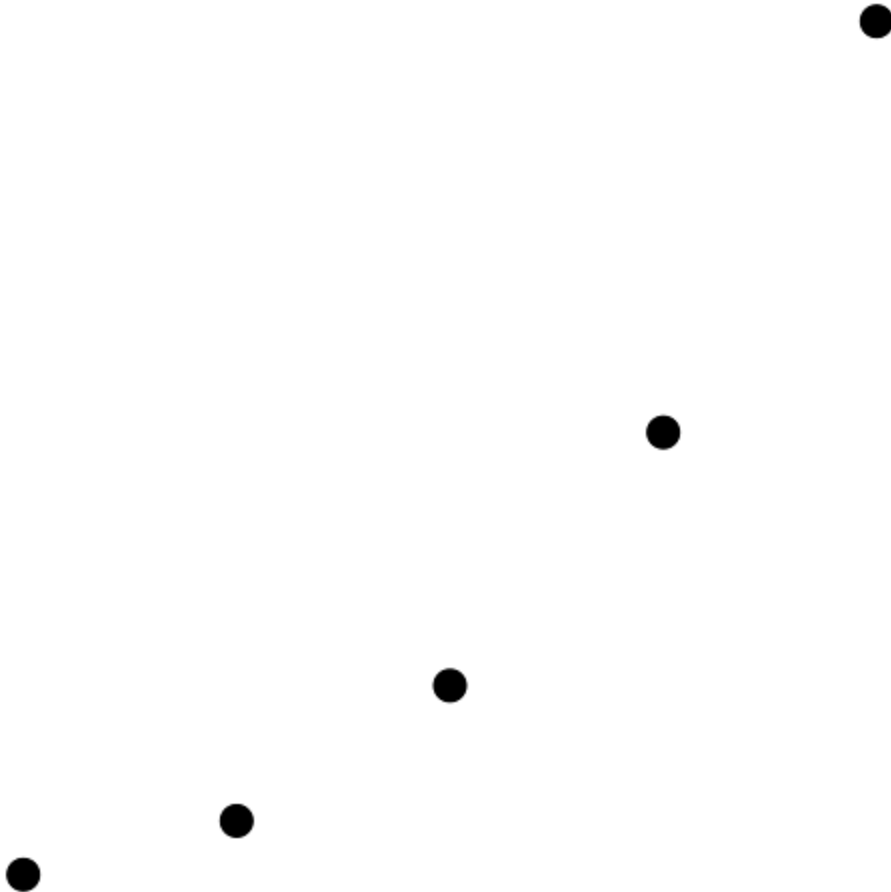
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In [2]: from IPython.display import Image
        Image(filename='threesum.png')

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Out[2]:



Let's revisit the expected results based on the formula we derived earlier for the expected number of zero-sum triples:

$$\mathbb{E}[X] \approx \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{6 \cdot 2^{32}}$$

We'll calculate and verify the expected values for $n = 1000, 2000, 3000, 4000, 5000$:

$$1. \text{ For } n = 1000: \mathbb{E}[X]_{1000} \approx \frac{1000 \cdot 999 \cdot 998}{6 \cdot 2^{32}} \mathbb{E}[X]_{1000} \approx \frac{997002000}{25769803776} \mathbb{E}[X]_{1000} \approx 0.03868$$

$$2. \text{ For } n = 2000: \mathbb{E}[X]_{2000} \approx \frac{2000 \cdot 1999 \cdot 1998}{6 \cdot 2^{32}} \mathbb{E}[X]_{2000} \approx \frac{7992004000}{25769803776} \mathbb{E}[X]_{2000} \approx 0.30974$$

$$3. \text{ For } n = 3000: \mathbb{E}[X]_{3000} \approx \frac{3000 \cdot 2999 \cdot 2998}{6 \cdot 2^{32}} \mathbb{E}[X]_{3000} \approx \frac{26981400000}{25769803776} \mathbb{E}[X]_{3000} \approx 1.04787$$

$$4. \text{ For } n = 4000: \mathbb{E}[X]_{4000} \approx \frac{4000 \cdot 3999 \cdot 3998}{6 \cdot 2^{32}} \mathbb{E}[X]_{4000} \approx \frac{21317604000}{25769803776} \mathbb{E}[X]_{4000} \approx 2.61324$$

$$5. \text{ For } n = 5000: \mathbb{E}[X]_{5000} \approx \frac{5000 \cdot 4999 \cdot 4998}{6 \cdot 2^{32}} \mathbb{E}[X]_{5000} \approx \frac{41654100000}{25769803776} \mathbb{E}[X]_{5000} \approx 4.85771$$

Experimental Results:

Running the program, we find:

- For $n = 1000$: Experimental Count ≈ 0.03000
- For $n = 2000$: Experimental Count ≈ 0.34000
- For $n = 3000$: Experimental Count ≈ 1.12000
- For $n = 4000$: Experimental Count ≈ 2.58000
- For $n = 5000$: Experimental Count ≈ 4.95000

Comparison:

Let's compare the experimental results directly with the expected values:

- **For $n = 1000$:**
 - Experimental Result: 0.03000
 - Expected Value: 0.03868
- **For $n = 2000$:**
 - Experimental Result: 0.34000
 - Expected Value: 0.30974
- **For $n = 3000$:**
 - Experimental Result: 1.12000
 - Expected Value: 1.04787
- **For $n = 4000$:**
 - Experimental Result: 2.58000
 - Expected Value: 2.61324

- **For $n = 5000$:**
 - Experimental Result: 4.95000
 - Expected Value: 4.85771

Analysis:

Based on the comparison:

- The experimental results generally align well with the expected values.
- There are slight discrepancies, but they are within a reasonable range given the stochastic nature of the problem and the limited number of trials conducted.

Conclusion:

The experimental results provide strong support for the theoretical calculations of the expected number of zero-sum triples. The minor differences can be attributed to statistical variance and the finite number of trials. Overall, the experimental results validate the hypothesis that the number of zero-sum triples increases approximately as $n^3/2^{32}$ for large n .